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**SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS
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THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK

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APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

Dear Christian Friends,

March 20th marks the beginning of Spring. Soon we will see flowers begin to bloom and everything will be light and bright once again. As we enjoy the warmer days and we begin to see the flowers blooming we must not forget that we are still in the season of Lent. We must not forget what Jesus went through so we also could experience new life and new creation. Easter Sunday will be April 12th. We will once again celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we will celebrate his victory over death and celebrate the new life he gave us.



This is the last month of Pastor's sabbatical. We have carried on the theme of "Equipping the Saints." Thanks to Dr. Roger Fjeld for he has helped us understand and work on that theme. I first of all, want to thank all of those who have and continue to fill in while Pastor has been gone. You have come through with flying colors. I appreciate all those who willingly gave of their time to volunteer to help during the three months that our Pastor has been gone. It seems like I am saying "thank you" all the time. I just can't say it enough. You all have come through to help when we needed you. Everyone has given their financial support to help us carry on the ministry of the Church and helped us make our monthly payments on our new building. Thank you.

The preaching schedule for April is as follows:

- April 5- Pastor Erv Hesterberg
- April 12- Dr. Earl Matson
- April 19- Kelly Brown
- April 26 Rev. Kent Keller, a retired Presbyterian Pastor

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find other happenings at Shepherd of the Mountains. There is always something going on at our church. We hope you will take advantage of the opportunities that are available and invite your friends and family to come too.

Happy Easter and God's blessings to all you Saints,
Marie Hesterberg, Council President

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Treasurer's Report – February 28, 2009

	Actual	Budgeted YTD
February Income	\$ 11,668.41	
February Expenses	17,005.25	
Income YTD	35,180.53	\$ 28,224.16
Expenses YTD	30,613.71	
Difference	4,566.82	

PRAYERS FOR MARCH 2009



- Pat Head—Back surgery; recovery and rehab going well
- Linda Schlitt—Surgery required after a fall; recovery from infection progressing slowly
- Kaylee, granddaughter of Jim & Faye Lynn Anderson in Texas (former members) - hospitalized after surgery from a pressure wound
- Mark Lorenz—Recovering well from surgery; preparing for radiation therapy for cancer
- Scott Lindemann, son of Dick and June Lindemann—fighting a serious illness
- Peggy Klovadhl—recovering after surgery

If you have a prayer request or want to be on the prayer chain, contact Nancy Matson or send an e-mail to epmoosemom@aol.com

April 5

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalms 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Mark 14:1--15:47
- Mark 15:1-39 [40-47] (alternate)

April 12

- Acts 10:34-43
- Isaiah 25:6-9 (alternate)
- Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Acts 10:34-43 (alternate)
- Mark 16:1-8
- John 20:1-18 (alternate)

April 19

- Acts 4:32-35
- Psalms 133
- 1 John 1:1--2:2
- John 20:19-31

April 26

- Acts 3:12-19
- Psalms 4
- 1 John 3:1-7
- Luke 24:36b-48



Bible Readings for the Month

Holy Week

The Holy Week of 2009 at SMLC is going to be very dramatic. On Palm Sunday, AKA Passion Sunday, the choir will begin the service by processing, with palm branches waving aloft, to the congregational hymn, "All Glory, Laud and Honor" with trumpet descant. Later in that service, the "Passion Sunday" theme will come to the fore in the form of a spoken dialog between Jesus and a narrator, dramatizing "The Passion of Our Lord According to St. Matthew and St. Luke." This passion story describes and personalizes all of the events of Christ's last week among us in human form.

Maundy Thursday is a dramatic re-enactment of "The Last Supper," a Eucharistic meal of which we will all partake, using the special Maundy Thursday setting in the ELW. At the end of the service, the altar is stripped, looking desolate. Come at 7:00 p.m. both Thursday and Friday.

On Good Friday, we will hold a service of darkness, known as Tenebrae, dating back to the eighth and possibly the fifth century. The exact opposite to the service of light that we celebrated on Christmas Eve, this Tenebrae service moves from light to darkness, with the diminishing light symbolizing the fading devotion of the apostles. It is hoped that each person present will become more aware of the sadness and despair that were evident before and during the crucifixion. At the end of the service, the sanctuary will be in darkness with the exception of the exit lights. There will be no benediction; each person is asked to leave silently as he/she contemplates the tragedy of the crucifixion. Jesus is dead. There is nothing more to do than to wait on the Lord. The Apostle's testimony will be told by:

Earl Matson – Peter; Don Lickfett – Andrew; Gene Eggert – James; Mike VanBrunt – John; Matt Mathison – Matthew; Mark Lorenz – Bartholomew; Gary Brown – Judas; Paul Richard – Philip; Bill Wachs – Simon; Mike Wold – James, son of Alphaeus; Loren Jonson – Thomas; Gary Wallace – Thaddeus

At last, on Sunday, the Easter morning worship service will give us all an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful turn of events that the two Marys and Salome witnessed at Jesus' tomb. "Jesus Christ is Risen Today," we will sing and, "I Know that my Redeemer Lives," with trumpet descants. Both the Rev. Earl Matson's message and the choir's anthem will celebrate how miraculously "The Stone Is Rolled Away." Even the trumpet-shaped Easter lilies will proclaim the good news back and forth to each other: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" Alleluia!

ANOTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Crossroads Ministries is in need of food donations to help the Estes Park community. Look for the Crossroads box in our narthex and bring your donations of non-perishable food. (*Editor's note:* I'd like to see the boxes so full that Mary needs several helpers to haul the food to Crossroads.) Could you purchase a can of tuna or box of macaroni and cheese on your next trip to the grocery store?



JJJ - 2009 ELCA Youth Event - Jesus, Justice, Jazz - Earnings Update

The bus is headed SOUTH! We have finally rounded the corner at St. Louis and are on our way to New Orleans!! Check out our sign in the narthex as we move the bus toward our goal. Recent jobs helped us turn the corner. Thank you to Shirley Olsen and to Joel and Kathy Meyer for hiring us to rake and 'walk Tasha'. Thank you also to all the Silver and Green contributors! Someone recently 'lightened their load' by giving \$20 in nickels. Every penny helps and we appreciate it all!

Please help us as we continue moving south to our goal. If you have raking, cleaning, any odd job, please consider hiring one or all of the JJJ team. They hire out for \$10.00 an hour, per person and they do EXCELLENT work! Call Kris Adams at 586-1942 to schedule work.

The JJJ Team has \$2,432 toward their \$4,000 goal!!

\$ 1729 - JJJ Team Earnings
\$ 303 - Silver and Green Donations
\$ 400 - Community Thrift Shop Grant



WELCA SPRING GATHERING—April 25, 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Lutheran Church of our Redeemer, Fort Morgan

Check the bulletin board for more information—

LORENZ FUND

The Lorenz Fund is growing, and our plans to raise the full \$5,000 goal are shaping up nicely. Working on behalf of the whole SMLC membership, the committee wants to raise at least \$5,000 toward the catastrophic medical co-payments facing Mark Lorenz as he fights to regain his good health and go back to work. Being self-employed makes his financial recovery as difficult as his physical recovery. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is generously offering us an opportunity to double our individual contributions to the Lorenz Fund up to that \$5,000 goal. As of March 23, Mark's friends and fellow Lutherans have given \$1700 through SMLC, a big step forward. Further gift monies can be made out to Shepherd of the Mountains in order to qualify for tax deductions; but they should have "Lorenz Fund" written on the memo line. Mark has already let us know that he is overwhelmed with the love expressed in our efforts here at SMLC. A letter from the committee has appeared in the local newspapers and will also be mailed out to Mark's House Doctor clients, Boy Scout workers, and other personal friends. If you have questions, please talk to Mark or to the committee, which is chaired by Gary Brown. It also includes Mary Settje, Don and Mardy Groskreutz, Lynette Johnson, Gary Wallace, Earl Matson, Kris Adams, Bob Rising, and Gloria Lickfett.

As last month's Crook announced, the committee is planning a benefit breakfast for April 18, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Now that we have our own kitchen and fellowship hall, this is another new way for us to reach out to the community as well as to help one of our own. In order to gather a large crowd, more articles will appear in the papers. The Boy Scouts have agreed to distribute the posters. Our own members will do the cooking, serving, and cleaning up (pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, but no lutefisk this time). Please see Gloria Lickfett to add your name to the list of breakfast workers. Many hands will not only make light work, but will also help to lighten our hearts. One of Mark's friends, Scott Wilseck, has offered his talented hands to play lively piano tunes especially chosen to help us and our guests celebrate another milestone in our history as a congregation that cares. Spread the word. Bring your friends.

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ANOTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The Stewardship Committee is in need of committee members and a chairperson. The task is to plan for the June Time and Talents portion of Stewardship thrust in our congregation. This is a very important aspect of our worship life to utilize the talents that abound in our men, women and young people. Please contact Gene Eggers for more information or to volunteer your services to this committee.

EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH 2009



All members, families, and friends are invited to attend the annual SMLC Easter potluck brunch following the Easter service Sunday, April 12.

A sign-up sheet is available so members can sign up to bring one of the following: egg and meat dish; fruit dish; breakfast bread. Please bring enough to feed 12 people.

Worship at SMLC

Personal Thank-you's

First of all, this congregation is to be congratulated on learning the Holden Evening Prayer Service so quickly and singing it so beautifully at our Wednesday night Lenten Worship services. We want to thank Erv and Marie Hesterberg for buying the music and individual worship folders and for introducing it to us. Everyone seems to love it.

We have even more, generous additions to our worship experience. At the March 18 Worship Committee meeting, Gene and Phyllis Eggers asked for approval of their plan to add a pipe organ facade, at their own expense, to the top of the wall behind the pulpit. They have bought real, used, pipe-organ pipes from a supplier in Arizona. A professional organ-pipe installer will make the wooden framework that will hold these pipes in three sections. The light from the windows will continue shining out between the three sections. Air circulation will not be affected either. Many churches that have installed electronic organs such as ours, with their close simulations of real pipe-organ sounds, are now displaying the old organ pipes in their sanctuaries so that people can see what they already think they are hearing. The Council has also approved Gene and Phyllis' generous plan. This will make a beautiful visual addition to our sanctuary.